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The following revisions and additions are suggested for the new requirements list:

Burma

Retain item 1, page 1.

Retain item 11, page 2 and add: Any information concerning Bloc purchases of Burmese commodities, especially rice and rubber, including price, terms of contract, and ultimate destination of commodities purchased.

Retain item 14, page 2 and add: What organizations (government and private) have been established for the purpose of planning and carrying out development projects? Any information concerning indications of Bloc attempts to gain a part in Burma's economic development by influencing government officials or private businessmen or by penetrating planning organizations.

Change item 15, page 2 to read: What construction is taking place to improve postal, telecommunications, and transportation between Burma and Sino-Soviet Bloc countries, especially China?

Add item 18, page 2: Any information concerning offers of technical assistance, credits or industrial installations (value, capacity, location, Bloc participation, etc.) by any of the Bloc countries. Detailed information is desired on the following projects:

- (a) Progress and extent of Communist Chinese assistance in the expansion and/or construction of Burmese textile mills.
- (b) Progress and extent of Soviet assistance in Burmese agricultural field. Developments in Soviet offers of assistance in irrigation development and in the establishment of complete industrial plants.

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(c) Soviet progress in establishing a technological institute in Rangoon.

Add item 19, page 2: Any information concerning other evidences of Sino-Soviet economic activities, e.g. exchange of trade and technical delegations, educational exchanges, Bloc technicians working on projects and/or advising the government, the conclusion of trade agreements, the establishment of permanent trade mission, etc.

Indonesia

Retain item 8, page 11.

Add item 12, page 12: Any information concerning the Government of Indonesia's activities in development and industrialisation projects, establishment of organisations (government and private) for the purpose of carrying out developmental projects, the success or failures in carrying out its industrial development program.

Add item 13, page 12: Any information concerning offers of technical assistance and/or industrial installations by any of the bloc countries with emphasis on the following aspects: acceptance or rejection of bids and reasons; value and capacity of installations; payment terms offered by the Bloc countries; Bloc participation, e.g. equipment, number and type of technicians, training facilities, educational exchanges, etc; and progress of projects. Detailed information on the following projects is desired:

(a) East German progress in construction of a sugar factory in Jogdjakarta. Evidence of satisfactory and/or unsatisfactory performance of Bloc technicians and equipment.

(b) Developments in Bloc offers of assistance for the exploitation of the North Sumatra oil fields.

(c) Developments in Rumanian offers to construct a cement plant.

Malaya - Singapore

Retain item 8, page 19.

Add item 12, page 19: Any information concerning Sino-Soviet Bloc purchases of commodities from and/or sale of commodities to South East Asia through the markets in Singapore.

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Philippines

Add item 8, page 21: Any information concerning increased economic relations between the Philippines and the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

Thailand

Retain item 7, page 32 and add: Any information concerning Bloc purchases or offers to purchase Thai commodities, especially rice; e.g. price, contract terms, ultimate destination of any rice purchased, etc.

Add item 12, page 32: Any information concerning Sino-Soviet Bloc offers of technical assistance.

Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos

Retain item 19, page 37.

Add item 8, page 38: Any information concerning increased economic relations between Cambodia and the Sino-Soviet Bloc.

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